(c) Government has initiated various steps to improve power situation in the country. These, interalla, include amendments in Electricity laws; restructuring of State Electricity Boards; higher budgetary allocations for central sector projects; renovation and modernisation of power stations; interest subsidy for accelerated completion of State sector ongoing schemes, Renovation and Modernisation and system improvements; formulating a policy for mega projects; promotion of regional integrated operation and maximising inter-state/regional power transfer, augmentation of transmission and transformation capacity of the power system.

Cumulative Losses of SEB's

2379. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the cumulative losses of State Electricity Boards as at the end of March 1990, March 1995 and March 1998;

(b) the factors responsible for losses; and

(c) how does Government propose to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The cumulative losses of all the SEBs taking into account subsidy as booked in the accounts were Rs. 3351.23 crores & Rs. 496.22 crores as on 31.3.1990 and 31.3.1995 respectively. The cumulative losses/surplus of the SEBs as on 31.3.1998 are not available due to non-finalisation of the Annual Accounts of the SEBs for the year 1997-98.

(b) The main reasons of the losses of the SEBs inter-alia, include, the widening gap between the average cost of supply and realisation, delay as well as inadequate revision of tariff, non-realisation of the dues by SEBs for sale of power, low level of capacity utilisation of existing plants and high transmission & distribution losses.

(c) The establishment of the Regulatory Commissions, as provided in the Act recently passed by the Parliament, would help in rationalising tariff and also provide for transparency in the provision of subsidies, wherever required. The State Governments can exercise the option of providing subsidies, over and above, those recommended by the Regulatory Commissions, on condition that the State Governments compensate the SEBs by providing adequate budgetary support. The Commissions are also required to ensure that the utilities and licensees work in a competitive manner by improving their efficiency. Rational tariff fixation and efficient operations are bound to improve the financial health of the SEBs as well as their capacity to invest.

Appointment of Regular CMD in NHPC

2380. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHPC is not having a regular Chief Executive since October, 1997;

(b) whether any action has been taken to appoint regular Chairman and Managing Director in the wake of retirement of the present Chief Executive;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the reasons for which the said post could not be filled up, so far?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on the vigilance clearance accorded by CVC the appointment of Shri Yogendra Prasad as a CMD on a regular basis is being processed for Government approval.

Proposals for New Power Projects from Tripura and Madhya Pradesh

2381. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up of new power projects in collaboration with private sector sent for approval by Tripura and Madhya Pradesh Governments to the Central Government upto 31st December, 1996;

(b) the cost of each project together-with the names of the places in the States where these projects will be set up;

(c) what will be the financial contribution of private sector as well as the State Government in each project;

(d) the details of the employment opportunities likely to be created through the said proposed projects; and

(e) the rate at which the power will be supplied togetherwith the conditions laid for inviting tenders?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) No proposal has been received for setting up private sector power projects in Tripura upto 31st December, 1996. The details of proposals received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for setting up of private sector power projects is indicated below:

Name of project	Cost in Rs. Crores as approved by CEA	Financial contribution in Rs. Crores from the private project developer	Place	Employment opportunity likely to be created
Guna CCPP	1079.39	323.8	Guna	480 Nos.
Korba East TPP	4690.00	1407.1	Korba East	800 Nos.
Korba West TPP	1766.88	530.1	Korba West	350—400 Nos.
Pench TPP	2183.58	655.1	Chounsara (Chhind-wara)	300 Nos.
Narsingpur CCPP	531.248	307.7	Narsingpur	130 Nos.
Maheshwar HEP	1569.27	383.0	Maheshwar	400 Nos.

There will be no financial contribution in the above projects from the State Government.

(e) The rate of sale of power by the above projects will depend upon the final completed cost and the conditions of the Power Purchase Agreements. These projects have been awarded on the MoU/ LoI route and not through invitation of tenders.

Power Loss due to Damaged and Faulty Transmission Lines

2382. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to deal with the loss of power occurring due to damage in transmission lines;